

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method performed by a computer system comprising:
 - configuring a memory to store a control process;
 - in response to a size of a storage device and a size of an image to be stored on the storage device, identifying a sector offset on the storage device such that storage of the image on the storage device at the sector offset will result in the image being stored at or near a highest address of the storage device;
 - determining the sector offset by the control process prior to an operating system being installed on the computer system and prior to the storage device being partitioned;
 - storing [[an]] the image onto the storage device at the sector offset by copying the image from the memory to the storage device;
 - providing the sector offset to an installation engine; and
 - subsequent to storing the image on the storage device, initiating the installation engine to cause the operating system to be installed on the storage device using the image.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - subsequent to initiating the installation engine, partitioning the storage device.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - subsequent to initiating the installation engine, performing a formatting operation on the storage device.
4. – 5. (Canceled)
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - providing the sector offset to the installation engine by storing the sector offset in a predetermined location on the storage device.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing the sector offset to the installation engine by passing the sector offset as part of a function call to initiate the installation engine.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
storing the image onto the storage device by copying the image from a CD-ROM.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
storing the image onto the storage device by copying the image over a network.
10. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising:
a computer program processable by a computer system for causing the computer system to:
configure a memory to store a control process;
in response to a size of a storage device and a size of an image to be stored on the storage device, identify a sector offset on the storage device such that storage of the image on the storage device at the sector offset will result in the image being stored at or near a highest address of the storage device;
determine the sector offset by the control process prior to an operating system being installed on the computer system and prior to the storage device being partitioned;
store [[an]] the image onto the storage device at the sector offset by copying the image from the memory to the storage device;
provide the sector offset to an installation engine; and
subsequent to storing the image on the storage device, initiate the installation engine to cause the operating system to be installed on the storage device using the image; and
an apparatus from which the computer program is accessible by the computer system.
11. (Original) The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
subsequent to initiating the installation engine, partition the storage device.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
- subsequent to initiating the installation engine, perform a formatting operation on the storage device.
13. – 14. (Canceled)
15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
- provide the sector offset to the installation engine by storing the sector offset in a predetermined location on the storage device.
16. (Original) The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
- provide the sector offset to the installation engine by passing the sector offset as part of a function call to initiate the installation engine.
17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
- store the image onto the storage device by copying the image from a CD-ROM.
18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
- store the image onto the storage device by copying the image over a network.
19. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
- a computer system for:
- configuring a memory to store a control process;
- in response to a size of a storage device and a size of an image to be stored on the storage device, identifying a sector offset on the storage device such that storage of the image on the storage device at the sector offset will result in the image being stored at or near a highest address of the storage device;

determining the sector offset by the control process prior to an operating system being installed on the computer system and prior to the storage device being partitioned;

storing ~~[[an]]~~ the image onto the storage device at the sector offset by copying the image from the memory to the storage device;

providing the sector offset to an installation engine; and

subsequent to storing the image on the storage device, initiating the installation engine to cause the operating system to be installed on the storage device using the image.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:
subsequent to initiating the installation engine, partitioning the storage device.
21. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:
subsequent to initiating the installation engine, performing a formatting operation on the storage device.
22. – 23. (Canceled)
24. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:
providing the sector offset to the installation engine by storing the sector offset in a predetermined location on the storage device.
25. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:
providing the sector offset to the installation engine by passing the sector offset as part of a function call to initiate the installation engine.
26. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:
storing the image onto the storage device by copying the image from a CD-ROM.
27. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:
storing the image onto the storage device by copying the image over a network.

28. (Currently Amended) A method performed by a computer system comprising:
- configuring a memory to store a control process;
 - in response to a size of a storage device and a size of an image to be stored on the storage device, identifying a sector offset on the storage device such that storage of the image on the storage device at the sector offset will result in the image being stored at or near a highest address of the storage device;
 - determining the sector offset by the control process prior to an operating system being installed on the computer system and prior to the storage device being partitioned;
 - storing ~~[[an]]~~ the image onto the storage device at the sector offset by copying the image from the memory to the storage device over a network, the image including an operating system;
 - providing the sector offset to an installation engine by storing the sector offset in a predetermined location on the storage device;
 - subsequent to storing the image on the storage device, initiating the installation engine to cause the operating system to be installed on the storage device using the image; and
 - subsequent to initiating the installation engine, performing a formatting operation on the storage device.